

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
September 26, 2016

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton (chair), John Adams, Michael Donahue, Shari Ebert, Jane Johnson, Jim Paul, and Ron Shank.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler and Steve DePasquale

Members Absent:

Terry Johnston and Patricia Wagner.

Quorum Present.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Ms. Sadler stated that she had not yet completed the minutes of the April 4, June 6, and July 11 meetings. The minutes of the August 29, 2016 meeting were corrected and approved. Mr. Shank made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Ms. Sadler mentioned that the Elmhurst Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a program for Preservation Commissioners on October 12, 2016. Ms. Sadler also provided a summary of the Downtown Kankakee Historic District presentation at the Kankakee Public Library on Wednesday August 31, 2016, submitted by Pat Wagner. Other commissioners in attendance were Mike Donahue, Jane Johnson, Terry Johnston, and Jim Paul, as well as Ms Sadler. Ms. Johnson had some corrections regarding the notes, and a conversation followed where she stated that the presentation was not clear about the federal tax credit benefits of building owners in a National Register District, the fact that Kankakee County is not one of the five regions that has a state tax credit and that the public is still confused about National Register Listing as opposed to Landmark Property Status. Mr. Donahue also reiterated that a NR Listing does not protect a building from demolition.

CLG Grant:

Ms. Hinton mentioned that she had continued sending her photos to Ken Itle to be included in the data for the Preservation Plan, but reminded us that his deadline for submission to IHPA was this Friday, September 30.

Committee Reports:

- Architectural Review: No new preliminary applications at this time.
- Education/Program: Mr. Adams updated us regarding the 4-H history project. Mr. Donahue also volunteered to join this committee.
- Landmark signs: Ms. Johnson stated that Terry Johnston was supposed to bring a design for a Landmark sign for our commission, but she was unable to reach him. Ms. Hinton reminded us that we need a sign and a proposal to approve to move ahead with this project. Ms. Ebert also volunteered to join this committee.

Old Business:

- Reddick Gymnasium -- Richard Curl sent a long email regarding the status of the board of the fire protection district that owns the school building. The decision was made that he needs to notify Michelle so she can assess where in the process of landmarking the application stopped, and how we can proceed or do we need to start over?
- A book from our KCHPC Library, *French Migration to North America, 1600-1900* by Jean-Louis Houde, was brought back by Dr. Paul and lent out to Ms Hinton.

New Business:

- Ron Shank announced a program --History of Herscher Main Street--on the first Sunday of November 2:00 at the Legion.
- Dr. Paul has completed revisions on the Walking Tour books and will ask KCCVB or the Economic Alliance for funding the printing of the document.
- Dr. Paul also will soon ask Dr. Bowling for funds to reconstruct the log cabin at the Letourneau Home property.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday November 7, 2016 at 4 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:48 pm. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Johnson, Secretary